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Claims

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- 5 1. A DC-DC converter that converts a first DC voltage to a second DC voltage comprising:
 - a first switch connected to an input of the first DC voltage;
- a second switch, wherein the first and second switches are controlled by an input signal to generate the second DC voltage;
 - a sensing device for sensing a current level difference in the second switch; and
- a control circuit to control delay of the input signal by monitoring the current level difference.
 - 2. The DC-DC converter of claim 1, wherein the control circuit controls a delay circuit.
- 20 3. The DC-DC converter of claim 2, wherein the delay circuit comprises a charge controlled delay circuit.
 - 4. The DC-DC converter of claim 2, wherein the delay circuit comprises a digital controlled delay circuit.
 - 5. The DC-DC converter of claim 1, wherein the sensing device comprises a MOSFET device.
- 6. The DC-DC converter of claim 1, wherein the second 30 switch comprises a power MOSFET device.
 - 7. The DC-DC converter of claim 6, wherein the sensing device senses current conduction of the body diode.

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- 8. A synchronous DC-DC converter structure comprising: a high-side MOSFET switch having a drain coupled to an input DC voltage and a source coupled to a switch node;
- a low-side MOSFET switch having a drain coupled to the switch node and a drain coupled to a ground node;
 - a sensing device having a drain coupled to the switch node for sensing current in the low side MOSFET switch; and
 - a control structure coupled to the sensing device for monitoring a sensed current difference and adjusting a delay time for turning on one of the high-side MOSFET switch and the low-side MOSFET switch.

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- 9. The structure of claim 8, wherein the control structure is coupled to an adjustable delay circuit that increases and decreases the delay time.
 - 10. The structure of claim 9 wherein the adjustable delay circuit comprises a DCD circuit.
- 20 11. The structure of claim 9 wherein the delay circuit comprises a CCD circuit.
 - 12. The structure of claim 8, wherein the sensing device comprises a MOSFET device.
 - 13. The structure of claim 8, wherein the sensing device senses body diode current conduction in the low-side MOSFET switch.
- 30 14. The structure of claim 8, wherein the sensing device senses cross conduction current in the low-side MOSFET switch.

15. A method for controlling delay time in a synchronous DC-DC converter having a high-side switch coupled to a low-side switch comprising the steps of:

sensing a current level difference in the low-side switch; and

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controlling a delay time in turning on one of the highside switch and the low-side switch using the current level difference.

- 10 16. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of controlling the delay time includes increasing the delay time.
 - 17. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of controlling the delay time includes decreasing the delay time.
 - 18. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of sensing the current level difference includes sensing current in the low-side switch with a MOSFET device and comparing a first current level to a second current level to generate the current level difference.
 - 19. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of controlling the delay time includes controlling the delay time with a DCD circuit.
 - 20. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of controlling the delay time includes controlling the delay time with a CCD circuit.